

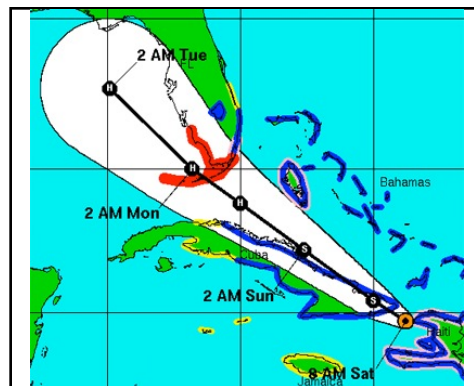
# KEYS TOURISM ADVISORY #6

Sat, Aug 25, 2012 10:08 AM

*This advisory is based on information and instructions from Monroe County Emergency Management, the National Hurricane Center and Key West National Weather Service Office  
Compiled and transmitted by the Monroe County Tourist Development Council*

## Keys Officials Prepare for Isaac *Delta and Airtran add departures from Key West*

<b>STORM NAME</b> Isaac	<b>CATEGORY /MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS</b> Tropical Storm/ 60 mph
<b>CENTER'S CURRENT LATITUDE/LONGITUDE</b> 19.7N 73.8 W	
<b>CURRENT DISTANCE FROM FLORIDA KEYS</b> 609 miles southeast of Key West	<b>FORWARD DIRECTION , SPEED</b> NW @ 14 mph
<b>STORM WARNING STATUS FOR KEYS AT TIME OF ADVISORY</b> Hurricane Warning... Hurricane conditions expected with 24-36 hours	
<b>EVACUATION STATUS FOR KEYS VISITORS AT TIME OF ADVISORY</b> Visitors are urged to leave the Florida Keys	
<b>EVACUATION STATUS FOR KEYS RESIDENTS AT TIME OF ADVISORY</b> Special needs, those in mobile homes and specified risk areas	



National Hurricane Center Graphic

### SYNOPSIS

Keys officials continue to make preparations for Tropical Storm Isaac, which is expected to attain Category 1 hurricane status by Sunday.

In a Saturday morning briefing, Andrew Devanas, the science officer for the Key West National Weather Service, informed officials of the following:

- The center of Isaac is expected to pass over a point between Marathon and Key West sometime Sunday night. Hurricane force winds are anticipated to be in a relatively small area of the storm. Tropical storm-force winds are expected to extend outward up to 250 miles.
- Tropical storm-force winds are anticipated to begin early Sunday morning and continue through Monday morning. Weather conditions should begin to improve after noon Monday.
- Hurricane force winds are anticipated in a small area of the center of the storm, Sunday, about 10 p.m. and last four to six hours.
- Expect the possibility of coastal storm surge of two to four feet above mean sea level.
- Rainfall of six to 10 inches expected. Expect moderate flooding of secondary roads.

In other news, beginning at 3 p.m. Saturday, Snake Creek Draw Bridge in Islamorada, is to remain in the lowered position to accommodate vehicular traffic. High-profile boats will not be able to secure a bridge opening after 3 p.m.

Monroe County Airports Director Peter Horton reported that both Delta and AirTran are provide extra flight departures. Contact airlines directly to check on available seats. Some available rental cars remain in Key West and Marathon airports. The Key West International Airport is to cease operations after 7 p.m. Saturday, Horton said.

Another storm shelter is to open at Sugarloaf (Key) School, at mile marker 19, at 2 pm. Saturday.

### INFRASTRUCTURE

An "X" indicates

open and/or operating  
normally in most or all  
regions at this time.

☒ U.S. Highway 1

☒ Electricity

☒ Water

☒ Marathon Airport

☒ Key West Airport

☒ Key West Port

☐ County Parks

☐ State Parks

☒ Hospitals

### FUTURE TRAVEL TO KEYS?

Delay travel plans to Keys until  
Isaac has passed and  
infrastructure assessments are  
completed.

### ADDITIONAL HELP AND RESOURCES

facebook.com/floridakeysandkeywest / twitter.com/thefloridakeys

Monroe County Emergency Information: (800) 955-5504

Monroe County Situation Report: [www.monroecounty-fl.gov](http://www.monroecounty-fl.gov)

National Hurricane Center Web site: [www.nhc.noaa.gov](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov)

Monroe County Sheriff's Office: [www.keyssso.net](http://www.keyssso.net)

County Public Access Television: Channel 76 on cable

For latest Keys travel status

[www.fl-keys.com](http://www.fl-keys.com)

TDC Multilingual Visitor Help: (800) 771-KEYS

Greyhound Keys Shuttle: (800) 410-KEYS

Key West Weather: [www.weather.gov/keywest](http://www.weather.gov/keywest)

Florida Emergency and Hotel information:

1-800-342.3557 • FloridaEvacuates.com